

Atty. Docket No. 391130

REMARKS

Claims 1-33, 62 and 73-88 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 23 are amended to correct grammatical errors or antecedence. Claim 62 is amended to reference the remaining pending claims. Claims 34-46, 47-61 and 63-72 are cancelled without prejudice, and may be pursued in one or more divisional applications. Claims 73-88 are new. No new matter is added with any amendment or newly-added claim.

New claims 73-88 include subject matter found in cancelled claims 34-46, 47-61 and 63-72, rewritten to depend from claim 1 either directly or through intervening claims.

The Examiner has restricted the instant application to one of the following species:

- (a) claims 1-33 and 62/(1-33);
- (b) claims 34-46 and 62/(34-46); or
- (c) claims 47-61, 62/(47-61) and 63-72.

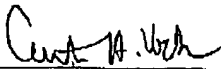
Applicants elect species (a), claims 1-33 and 62. All pending claims 1-33, 62 and 73-88 are readable upon species (a).

Given the above election, Applicants have addressed all issues raised in the Office Action dated June 23, 2005, and respectfully request examination of all pending claims. This Response is timely submitted, as the due date (30 days after the mailing date of the Restriction Requirement) fell upon a Saturday, July 23, 2005. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.7, *"When the day, or the last day fixed by statute or by or under this part for taking any action or paying any fee in the United States Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday, or on a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday."*

Applicants previously paid for 72 total claims, including four independent claims. 50 claims (including one independent claim) are currently pending; thus no fees are deemed necessary for new claims 73-88. No other fees are believed due; however, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this Election and Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600. Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned should any issues remain outstanding, or should questions arise regarding this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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